(c) if the answer to (a) above be in the negative, what steps Government propose to take to promote tourism in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the year 1991-92, 20 tourism projects estimated at Rs. 234.00 lakhs have been prioritised for extending financial assistance to the Government of Bihar. 10 projects are connected with the development of places of religious and historical importance.

(c) Does not arise.

Shortage of Power in the Capital

102. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON - CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been heavy load shedding and break-down in the capital during the current summer season;

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that a large volume of DESU electricity is stolen through unauthorised connections with the connivance of its own staff;

(d) if so, what action Government have taken to prevent the theft of electricity in the capital; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to improve the power position in the capital and by when it would be accomplished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The power supply position in Delhi during the current summer season has been by and large satisfactory. The minor shortfalls of 1.5 per cent in the availability of energy and 3.7 to 10.1 per cent in the peak load during April—June, 1991 were met by suitable load management and enforcing peak period restrictions.

(c) and (d) Some cases of theft of electricity have been detected by DESU in various parts of Delhi during the raids conducted by them. Periodical surprise raids are carried out by DESU to check illegal use of electricity including theft of power which has been made a cognizable offence under the Indian Electricity Act, 1910. As a result of this, DESU has been able to reduce its Transmission and Distribution losses from 28.3 per cent in 1987-88 to about 19 per cent in 1990-91.

(e) The steps taken to improve the power supply position in Delhi include strengthening and augmentation of transmission and distribution system at various voltage levels, installation of 3x34.07 MW Waste Heat Recovery Units at the existing Gas Turbines of DESU and a 400 KV Transmision Ring around Delhi. Setting up of a 800 MW Gas based Power Station in Delhi is also envisaged in the 8th Plan subject to the availability of resources.

ONGC Projects

103. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC had sought for funding from international sources for its projects a few months ago;

(b) if so, what are the details of the projects, estimated total cost of each of it *vis-a-vis* assistance sought for and secured, if any;

(c) the extent to which indigenous output of Petroleum products (item-wise) will be increased on completion of these projects; and

(d) by when these projects are to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Gas Flaring Reduction Project estimated to cost US $ 3184 million is scheduled to be completed by 1995. World Bank has sanctioned a loan of US $ 450 million. The project envisages uses of 10.5 MMSCMD of gas which is currently being flared.

Gandhar Development Project estimated to cost US $ 833 million may take about 48 months to complete after final approval A.D.B. is considering the request for loan. The project is expected to yield 18.52 million tonnes of oil and 24 billion cubic metres of gas.

Services at IAAI Airports

104. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report entitled 'Airlines IAAI on warpath' which appeared in the 'Mid-Day' Bombay of June 29, 1991 wherein it has been stated that a large number of international airlines have written a letter to IAAI Protecting against their inefficiency and casual attitude towards service operations in critical areas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Because of unprecedented rains there was a total breakdown of power at Bombay airport on 8th and 9th June, 1991. The power supply was partially restored on 9th June, 1991. However, due to unprecedented water flow in Terminal II, switch rooms had to be put off. This resulted a total breakdown of power. The power was again restored on 10th. During this period only partial power supply was possible to be maintained at airport through generating sets. On 13th June, 1991, there was a partial breakdown on generators and essential power was interrupted as the cables in the 10 feet underground trench were being attended to during this period. Subsequently, there was interruptions on 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th June, 1991 ranging from two minutes to 40 minutes, except for one occasion when interruption was extended to sixty two minutes on account of failure of the BSES Mains. All the equipment have since been thoroughly re-calibrated and services have been restored to normal position.

(c) Detailed discussions have already been held with the BSES to improve operational coordination particularly at such times.

Loss in the Production of Crude Oil at Bombay High

105. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item entitled "Non-implementation to incur loss of 49.38 million Metric Tonnes of Oil" published in 'Financial Express', Delhi, dated 30 June, 1991, indicating that oil worth $ 7.5 bil-